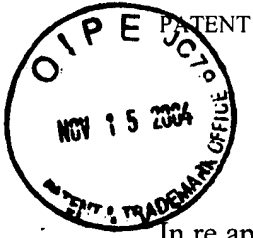


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 13, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith along with the appropriate fee to extend the due date from October 13, 2004 to November 13, 2004. Since November 13, 2004 was a Saturday, this is being timely filed on the next business day, Monday, November 15, 2004.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 5 of this paper.